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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
JOHN H. JERMAN et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION FEE
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment should be considered before examination of the referenced application.

IN THE TITLE

Amend the title to read: Micromechanical Device

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, under heading "Cross-Reference to Related Application", please replace the paragraph at lines 2-5 with the following:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Serial No.

09/464,361 filed December 15, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application